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For : INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD FOR MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 7, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on May 7, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Office Action in view of the herein-contained remarks. Further, Applicants herein provide a summary of a telephonic interview conducted on Monday, April 16, 2007 between Applicants' representative, Safet Metjahic, and Examiner Duyen My Doan.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this Reply.